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H.B. No. 2283

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2283:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2283

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the prohibition of certain contributions and donations  
for the administration of elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 31, Election Code, is  
amended by adding Section 31.126 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.126. PROHIBITED CONTRIBUTIONS. (a) The joint  
elections commission, county election commission, and county  
election board may not:

(1) accept a contribution of \$1,000 or more, including  
the value of in-kind donations, offered by:

(A) a private individual;

(B) a corporation;

(C) a partnership;

(D) a trust; or

(E) another third party; or

(2) use a contribution described by Subdivision (1) to  
perform a function of administering elections.

(b) The joint elections commission, county election  
commission, and county election board may accept a contribution of  
less than \$1,000 only with written consent from the relevant  
political subdivision.

(c) This section does not prohibit the acceptance of:

(1) an in-kind contribution of food or beverage for

1 election workers during the administration of an election; or  
2 (2) any state or federal funds administered or  
3 distributed by the secretary of state, including funds administered  
4 and distributed under Section 31.009.

5 SECTION 2. Section 81.032, Local Government Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 81.032. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS. (a)  
8 Except as provided by Subsection (b), the [The] commissioners court  
9 may accept a donation of labor or services, gift, grant, donation,  
10 bequest, or devise of money or other property on behalf of the  
11 county, including a donation under Chapter 38, Government Code, for  
12 the purpose of performing a function conferred by law on the county  
13 or a county officer.

14 (b) The commissioners court may not:

15 (1) accept a donation of \$1,000 or more for the purpose  
16 of administering elections; or

17 (2) use or appropriate a donation described by  
18 Subsection (a) to perform a function of administering elections.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.